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Overall orientation

16.1 The programme is under the responsibility of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

16.2 The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 36 (IV), established ECE and assigned to it responsibilities for coordination and promotion of international economic cooperation in Europe. Further direction to the programme is provided by the work plan on ECE reform (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1), adopted by the Commission on 2 December 2005. Taking into account also the role of the regional commissions, as set forth in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46, and the goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the main objectives of the ECE work programme for the period 2008-2009 will be: (a) to promote the economic integration of ECE countries at the pan-European level, taking into account the enlargement of the European Union and the various integration initiatives under way in the eastern part of the ECE region; (b) to foster sustainable development and promote economic prosperity in the countries of the region by, in particular, promoting the conditions for sustained growth and trade and improving the environment; and (c) to contribute to the economic and environmental dimensions of security in Europe.

16.3 The ECE reform resulted in a major restructuring of the programme of work, with substantial programme shifts based on priorities agreed upon by ECE member States. The reform also streamlined the ECE governance structure that in turn provides for more accountability and transparency. It further emphasized the need to strengthen cooperation with other organizations (both United Nations and non-United Nations) active in the region in order to maximize synergies, avoid duplication and ensure an effective complementarity of work.

16.4 The revised ECE programme of work is designed around eight subprogrammes, namely, environment, transport, statistics, sustainable energy, trade, timber and forestry, housing, land management and population, and the newly established subprogramme on economic cooperation and integration aimed at promoting sustained growth, innovation for development and higher competitiveness, in particular in countries of the region with economies in transition. The core strategy focuses on the negotiation and implementation of conventions, norms, standards and guidelines; the organization of policy debate and exchange of experience in the key areas of ECE work, including supporting policy analysis, studies and statistics; and the provision of technical assistance, policy advice and capacity-building, to support the implementation of the ECE norms and standards in countries with economies in transition. Moreover, the implementation of the core strategy will contribute not only to economic integration in the region as a whole but also to the reduction in disparities and the prevention of the emergence of new dividing lines in Europe. The normative work of ECE will promote greater regulatory compatibility among ECE member States throughout the region. Furthermore, it will have a positive impact on the rest of the world, as many ECE-developed agreements and standards (in particular in the areas of transport, trade facilitation, statistics, energy and environmental protection) become more accepted for use in countries of other regions.

16.5 In line with the ECE reform, more attention will be given to promoting intersectoral activities, particularly transport and environment, trade and transport, energy and transport, and energy and environment. Particular attention will also be paid to the gender dimension of development as it relates to the agreed conclusions on women in the economy adopted at the ECE regional Beijing+10 review.

16.6 The policy debate and exchange of experiences within ECE will facilitate the identification of best policies for strengthening subregional and regional integration and monitoring progress made in the region on achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, as well as supporting their effective implementation within the work areas of ECE.

16.7 Technical cooperation activities of ECE will focus on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-East Europe. They will aim at (a) improving national capacities to implement legally binding instruments and other regional standards; and (b) finding solutions to transboundary problems. Following the new impetus provided by the Astana Conference (May 2005), the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, jointly executed with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), will be further strengthened in each of the agreed areas of cooperation.

16.8 ECE will continue to integrate the security dimension in its relevant subprogrammes, with a view to contributing to the review and implementation of those commitments that correspond to its areas of expertise, as agreed in the memorandum of understanding with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and in the work plan set up between the two organizations.

Subprogramme 1
Environment

Objective of the Organization: To safeguard the environment and human health, improve environmental management throughout the region and strengthen the environmental pillar of sustainable development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened implementation of ECE regional international commitments by member countries	(a) (i) Increased number of reports from countries indicating progress in implementing legally binding instruments
	(ii) Increased number of countries having reported implementation of major decisions taken at the 2007 Belgrade Ministerial Conference
(b) Improved environmental performance in countries with economies in transition	(b) (i) Increased number of countries with improved environmental performance through a set of indicators reported by environmental performance reviews

	(ii) Increased percentage of recommendations that have been implemented by the reviewed countries as reported to the Committee on Environmental Policy
(c) Strengthened capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe	(c) Increased number of countries that finalized periodic state-of-the-environment reporting following the guidelines for the preparation of governmental reports on the state and protection of the environment

Strategy

16.9 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division. In line with the objective of the subprogramme, the Division will focus on enhancing international assistance activities to build appropriate capacities to implement and comply, where appropriate, in agreement with the parties to the ECE environmental conventions, with the ECE environmental commitments, including conventions and their protocols, as well as on promoting synergies and cooperation between them. The subprogramme will continue to conduct the second round of environmental performance reviews of countries with economies in transition and to build environmental observation and reporting capacities, contributing to the provision of timely and accurate environmental data through improved monitoring in those countries. The subprogramme will further promote the implementation of sustainable development in the ECE region by contributing to the implementation of the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes of regional environment and sustainable development conferences, in particular of the decisions taken by the sixth Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe", to be held in Belgrade in 2007.

16.10 The strategy of the subprogramme will also include: furthering intersectoral programmes and projects, including education for sustainable development, a voluntarily funded programme, the Pan-European Programme on Transport, Health and Environment, and water and health, contributing to developing and harmonizing environmental policies in the region leading to improved cross-border environmental security; supporting the implementation of regional and subregional agreements and action programmes, including the strategy for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia led by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) as well as processes and partnerships resulting from the World Summit on Sustainable Development and from the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, by providing regional contributions on the priority areas of the 2007-2010 programme cycles of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Adoption, at the regional and/or global level, of amendments to existing legal instruments and recommendations on road transport, road, rail, inland water and combined transport infrastructure, border crossing, transport of dangerous goods and other transport issues, as well as to vehicle regulations, and development of new legal instruments and new vehicle regulations, including global vehicle regulations	(a) (i) The number of existing legal instruments amended (ii) The number of amendments to existing vehicle regulations and number of new vehicle regulations, including global vehicle regulations (iii) The number of participants in regular meetings of the ECE bodies on transport deciding on amendments to existing legal instruments and recommendations, to which ECE provides the secretariat (iv) The number of adopted amendments to United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
(b) Increased implementation of the ECE legal instruments and recommendations on transport	(b) (i) The total number of States parties to ECE legal instruments on transport (ii) The number of new accessions to ECE legal instruments on transport from ECE and non-ECE countries (iii) The number of international legal instruments amended to reflect revisions to ECE legal instruments on transport as well as to United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
(c) Further development of transport infrastructure conducive to enhanced economic cooperation, in particular in Eastern and South-Eastern European countries as well as in Caucasus and Central Asian countries	(c) The number of projects and/or capacity-building programmes undertaken to promote transport infrastructure

Strategy

16.11 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Transport Division. The strategy will focus on updating and improvement of the existing ECE legal instruments and recommendations on transport issues, including road transport, road traffic safety, intermodality, vehicle safety and emissions, transport of dangerous goods, border-crossing facilitation, and road, rail, inland water and combined transport infrastructures. Updating will introduce new technological developments, organizational measures and best national practices, with a view to, inter alia, reducing further the number of road accidents and victims and the impacts of transport on the environment and improving transport security. This will be achieved through consensus and agreement reached at the ECE intergovernmental mandated meetings on transport, for which the Division provides the secretariat.

16.12 Steps will be also taken to promote accession to and implementation of the ECE legal instruments on transport, in particular in Eastern and South-Eastern European countries as well as in the Caucasus and Central Asian countries, and accession to those instruments by non-ECE countries. Implementation will be promoted through the monitoring of as many legal instruments as possible, through technical and legal advice on the implications for countries, through training seminars and other capacity-building activities and through subregional cooperation for coordinated implementation. Furthermore, emphasis will be placed on subregional cooperation for the development of Euro-Asian transport links, including through landlocked developing countries, in cooperation with ESCAP, and of other transport infrastructures in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, as well as on promoting transport links with Africa and the Middle East, including across the Mediterranean, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia. Cooperation will be intensified with other international organizations, notably, the European Conference of Ministers of Transport, in order to improve coordination, organize joint activities and avoid duplication. Cooperation will also be intensified with the World Health Organization and the other regional commissions in order to improve global road safety in response to General Assembly resolution 60/5. The needs of the beneficiaries of the transport subprogramme will also be met through the participation of other United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations representing transport operators, relevant industries, transport users and consumers in the above-mentioned ECE activities.

16.13 Cooperation will be strengthened with the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division and the World Health Organization-Europe in the framework of the Pan-European Programme on Transport, Environment and Health. Cooperation will also be enhanced with the Trade and Timber Division in order to improve border crossing, and with the Sustainable Energy Division in order to improve energy efficiency in transport.

16.14 This strategy also applies to the Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals and its subsidiary bodies, for which the Transport Division also provides a secretariat.

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Objective of the Organization: To improve the reliability of national official statistics and ensure their comparability at the international level, and to play the central coordination role for the international statistical activities undertaken in the region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Further developed national institutional frameworks and corresponding implementation practices of member countries, in line with the ECE Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	(a) (i) The number of countries ensuring better compliance with the Fundamental Principles through revision of their national statistical legislations
	(ii) The number of ECE recommendations implemented to improve national institutional frameworks for official statistics
(b) Increased development of internationally recommended standards and practices to ensure comparable statistics	(b) (i) The number of new or revised international statistical standards and recommendations endorsed by a statistical authority to which ECE has contributed in substance
	(ii) The number of statistical areas in which the ECE undertakes substantive methodological work
(c) Streamlined activity patterns of statistical work between international organizations through elimination of overlaps and gaps	(c) (i) The percentage of joint activities in the ECE statistical programme undertaken in cooperation with OECD, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States and other international organizations
	(ii) The number of international organizations regularly reporting their activities in the integrated presentation of international statistical work programmes
(d) Increased availability of reliable, timely and comparable macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics, particularly about the less advanced countries of the region	(d) (i) Increased percentage of available data of good quality in the overview tables (percentage of non-empty data cells to the total number of data cells)
	(ii) Increased percentage of users that express, through user surveys, satisfaction with the quality, coverage and timeliness of data contained in the ECE database

Strategy

16.15 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Statistics Division. Coordinating all international statistical activities in the region will remain a central component of the strategy under the subprogramme. The subprogramme will address horizontal and general issues of official statistics. It will promote the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics within the international statistical community, providing advice to countries on institutional frameworks of official statistics, monitoring the implementation of Fundamental Principles and adhering to them for all ECE statistical activities. It will focus on a carefully selected number of niches in different subject areas, in particular those where ECE can provide an added value and complement the work undertaken by other international organizations. Public access to all meeting documents, work programmes and statistical standards and recommendations will provide the basis for transparency and accountability. From the methodological standpoint, the subprogramme will be focused on developing standards, guidelines and leading practices, including the advice on ECE standards, and related implementation at the national level. Technical cooperation will focus its activities on key priorities, reflecting the needs of countries, including assistance and monitoring in the field of population censuses, the development account project for Central Asia and training activities for less developed countries of the region. The data work undertaken by the Statistical Division will respond to a sustained internal and/or external demand. Data will be accessible to the public as statistical products in electronic form. The cooperation with the statistical services of other international organizations will continue in the form of joint meetings aimed at coordinating the development of methodologies and the preparation of standards, recommendations and publication of best practices. Data-sharing through joint questionnaires and coordinated data collection will be expanded further.

Subprogramme 4
Economic cooperation and integration

Objective of the Organization: To promote a more conducive policy, financial and regulatory environment for economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities in the ECE region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced sharing of best practices and their promotion among member countries on issues dealt with by the subprogramme	(a) Increased number of best practices discussed and disseminated under the subprogramme
(b) Adoption by the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration of practical and action-oriented policy recommendations/guidelines on issues placed on its 2008-2009 work programme	(b) Set of policy recommendations/guidelines adopted by the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration
(c) Increased implementation of the ECE recommendations on matters dealt with by the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration	(c) (i) Increased number of practical steps taken by Governments and other stakeholders to implement recommendations of the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (ii) Number of requests acted on for policy-advisory services and capacity-building activities aimed at assisting countries to implement recommendations of the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration

Strategy

16.16 The responsibility for the subprogramme will be vested in the Economic Cooperation and Integration Division. In order to achieve its objective, the subprogramme will focus on key aspects of economic development and integration and mainly on countries of the region with economies in transition. It will deliver policy advice, facilitate policy dialogue and exchange experiences and best practices as well as develop relevant guidelines. To this end the subprogramme will facilitate application of the experience gained, lessons learned and best practices conducive to economic growth and innovative development and elaborate on this basis recommendations aimed at creating policy and a financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic development, investment and innovation. Work under the subprogramme will be demand driven, focus on specific topics and, subject to the multi-year work programme of the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration, aim at strengthening the competitiveness of member States' economies by: (a) promoting the knowledge-based economy and innovation; (b) facilitating the development of entrepreneurship and the emergence of new enterprises; (c) facilitating effective corporate governance and regulatory policies, including those in the financial sector; and (d) promoting public-private partnerships for domestic and foreign investment, as well as intellectual property rights.

16.17 Building, inter alia, on relevant work carried out by other organizations and institutions, as well as contributions mobilized from external experts, advisers and decision makers, in particular those from countries with economies in transition, the strategy calls for undertaking applied economic analysis, collecting lessons learned and experiences gained, preparing case studies and elaborating proposals and options for policy debate among member States and other stakeholders.

16.18 The results of this work would be considered by thematic groups of experts and time-bound task forces, involving representatives of Governments, international organizations, business associations and other stakeholders, which would provide a platform for exchanges of national policy experiences and identification of best practices. Subsequently, those outputs would be brought to the attention of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration, which would serve as a forum for policy dialogue among member States and elaborate relevant policy recommendations, guidelines and standards. The results of the work carried out under the subprogramme would be broadly disseminated to all interested stakeholders. Those results would also serve as the basis for technical cooperation activities organized by the secretariat, such as policy advisory services and capacity-building workshops, with a view to assisting member States, upon their request, particularly countries with economies in transition, including emerging market economies, in the adaptation and application of best practices and the implementation of guidelines, standards and policy recommendations emanating from the Committee.

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate (a) the transition to a more sustainable development path for the production and use of energy; and (b) the fuller integration of the energy economies and energy infrastructure of countries in the region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Progress in the international dialogue between Governments and industry on sustainable energy development issues, in particular, cleaner energy production, energy security and diversification of energy sources	(a) (i) Increased percentage of participants in policy discussions and discussions on technical matters, who evaluate them as being useful for decision-making (ii) Percentage of respondents to a web-based survey that find ECE information, technical and policy-oriented reports on sustainable energy issues very useful
(b) Progress in addressing energy conservation and efficiency issues across the ECE region, especially those leading to a reduction in energy-related environmental impacts, including progress in the formation of energy efficiency markets in economies in transition	(b) (i) Increased percentage of participants in policy discussions who evaluate them as being useful for decision-making

	(ii) Increased number of energy efficiency investment projects developed under the ECE energy efficiency 21 project that has been approved for financing in the economies in transition
(c) Further extension and implementation of ECE recommendations/guidelines and instruments for sustainable energy development, in particular, extension and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources and the guidelines on reforming energy prices and subsidies	(c) (i) Increased number of professional organizations and international standard-setting organizations supporting the further development and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources, including as a basis for financial reporting standards for extractive activities
	(ii) Increased number of countries expressing intent to apply the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources in their fossil energy and uranium resources management
	(iii) Increased number of ECE countries that have adjusted energy prices and tariffs to remove price distortions, encourage efficient energy consumption and attract investment into the energy sector
(d) Progress in implementation of projects in support of sustainable energy development in coal, natural gas, and electricity	(d) Increased volume of diesel fuel replaced by natural gas in commercial vehicles on the Blue Corridor project road transport itinerary across Europe

Strategy

16.19 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Sustainable Energy Division. Taking into account the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the decisions of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fourteenth session in 2006, the subprogramme will focus on promoting the development of sustainable energy strategies for the ECE region. In particular, it will assist member States to ensure sustained access to high quality energy services for all individuals in the ECE region; enhance energy security and diversification of energy supplies; and maintain well-balanced energy network systems tailored to optimize operating efficiencies and overall regional cooperation. It will also enable member countries to improve energy conservation and efficiency; reduce energy-related health and environmental impacts, including greenhouse gas emissions; facilitate the development and implementation of new environmentally sound and economically viable technologies; and increase the use of renewable energy resources. Attaining the

subprogramme objectives will involve activities of the subsidiary organs of the Commission and the active participation of Governments and international organizations, such as the International Energy Agency, the International Energy Forum and the Energy Charter, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, non-governmental organizations and the energy industries, including relevant private-sector partners, such as the financial community. The work programme will aim at: enhancing networking and public-private partnerships; knowledge-sharing; identification of best practices; preparation of policy-oriented reports; fostering policy dialogue, including the provision of advice and recommendations; developing guidelines, norms and standards; and providing training and technical assistance, including the preparation of investment projects and facilitating access to finance.

Subprogramme 6
Trade

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate trade and trade-related economic cooperation among countries of the ECE region and with the rest of the world.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Adoption by member States of new/revised ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation, electronic business, regulatory cooperation and agricultural produce	(a) The number of new and/or updated ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation, electronic business, regulatory cooperation and agricultural produce agreed upon by member States
(b) Increased implementation of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation, electronic business, regulatory cooperation and agricultural produce	(b) (i) Increased number of key trade facilitation and electronic business recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools implemented by ECE member States and other countries (ii) The number of downloads of key recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools from the ECE Internet site, as a proxy for their use (iii) The number of requests for assistance received from member States and other international organizations to assist in the promotion and implementation of ECE trade-related instruments

Strategy

16.20 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Timber Division. The subprogramme will support the implementation of Millennium Development Goal 8 in the ECE region, aiming at developing an open, rule-based, predictable and non-discriminatory trading system, taking into account the

importance given to trade as a key vehicle for economic growth, the elimination of poverty and greater regional cooperation and stability in other major United Nations documents. In this context, the subprogramme will focus on reduction of barriers to trade in goods and services caused by differences in regulatory approaches and differences in the procedures, standards and documents used by Governments and business for trade. The main targets of the subprogramme will include:

(a) Developing simple, transparent and effective processes for global commerce through the development and maintenance of international trade facilitation instruments, especially to support international supply chains and the integration of countries into the global economy. Those instruments include global standards and best practices for moving from paper-based to electronic-business-based processes and for the harmonization, simplification and automation of information flows and business practices used in international trade;

(b) Contributing to a predictable, transparent and harmonized regulatory environment for commerce and business through the development of frameworks for regulatory convergence, the promotion of international standards within the regulatory environment and the identification of best practices for regulatory enforcement;

(c) Promoting trade in agricultural produce, supported by agreed upon, clear and easy to use commercial quality standards through the development of up-to-date agricultural quality standards that are used by Governments for regulatory purposes as well as by the private sector;

(d) Supporting Governments in the national and regional adaptation and implementation of ECE trade-related standards and recommendations, including their integration into national and regional trade facilitation strategies, trade policy and regulatory regimes, with a special emphasis on the less economically developed countries in the region.

16.21 As part of the strategy to implement the subprogramme, ECE will work through its intergovernmental bodies and expert groups and will reinforce cooperation with principal partners, which include the World Trade Organization, the International Organization for Standardization, the World Customs Organization, OECD, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Bank for International Settlements, the World Bank, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, other United Nations regional commissions and a wide variety of private sector organizations.

Subprogramme 7
Timber and forestry

Objective of the Organization: To improve sustainable forest management, including the sound and legal use of wood, other forest products and services throughout the ECE region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased understanding of sustainable forest management, notably the policies necessary to achieve it, based on increased ability to measure sustainable forest management at the national and regional levels	(a) (i) Increased percentage of ECE countries with national forest programmes or similar holistic forest sector policy frameworks (ii) Increased percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on indicators of sustainable forest management to the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe
(b) Increased understanding of the sound use of wood, leading to policies to promote it and increased ability to monitor it	(b) (i) Increased percentage of ECE countries with policies in place on sound use of wood, whether as part of national forest programmes or not (ii) Increased percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory responses to the ECE/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire (which monitors the sound use of wood)
(c) Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level, notably by developing appropriate policy measures	(c) Increased number of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe adopting national forest programmes

Strategy

16.22 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Trade and Timber Division. The subprogramme will aim at developing and applying analytical and monitoring tools, both on policy and on developments on the ground, collecting, validating and disseminating information and analysis, as well as stimulating the exchange of experience and joint efforts to measure progress. Priorities for 2008-2009 will be guided by the 2007 Ministerial Conference and other relevant forums. While all countries benefit from international cooperation through the subprogramme, the subprogramme will pay special attention to the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Mediterranean region. As part of the strategy to implement the subprogramme, ECE will carry out its work in cooperation with FAO and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe and provide input to the United Nations Forum on Forests. To support forest

management, including the use of wood and forest products, that is sustainable from the ecological, economic and social point of view, it is necessary to maintain a good balance between those three aspects, based on a strong consensus about goals and methods among all stakeholders, as well as to ensure that the strategy is well integrated into the policy framework of other sectors (the cross-sectoral approach). Achieving sustainable forest management is primarily a sovereign national responsibility. However, regional international cooperation, through the timber and forestry subprogramme and its partners, will contribute by developing and disseminating concepts and information, sharing experience and defining standard measurement tools (indicators) for sustainable forest management.

Subprogramme 8
Housing, land management and population

Objective of the Organization: To improve the housing and urban governance in the region as well as the necessary knowledge base on population issues, strengthening the formulation and implementation of policies and developing capacities at the national and local levels.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved national capacity for housing-related policy formulation and implementation, taking into consideration the socially disadvantaged groups of the population	(a) Increased number of countries engaged in an ECE results-oriented assessment of their housing policies, which has led to specific legal reforms and a broader range of housing opportunities
(b) Enhanced development of and reforms in land administration to provide secure ownership in land, investment and other private and public rights in real estate	(b) Increased number of countries engaged in an ECE results-oriented assessment of their land administration systems, which has led to specific legal reforms and more transparent land management practices
(c) Enhanced policy discussion on population issues based on the up-to-date knowledge emanating from the ECE cooperation programmes	(c) Increased number of countries that have adjusted their policies or taken new measures in the policy areas discussed in the meetings organized by the Population Activities Unit

Strategy

16.23 The responsibility for the subprogramme is vested in the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division. The subprogramme will aim at promoting the implementation of the ECE strategy for sustainable quality of life in human settlements in the twenty-first century, strengthening the regional contribution to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and addressing the goals contained in the Millennium Declaration (eradication of extreme poverty, promotion of gender equality, ensuring environmental sustainability), as well as the regional priorities for human settlements, as decided upon at the first Regional Implementation Forum on Sustainable Development. With a view to achieving those goals, efforts will be concentrated on collecting and analysing information on housing conditions, trends and policies, assessing the existing housing situation, reviewing housing policies, providing policy recommendations and carrying out capacity-building activities at

the national and local levels to contribute to efficient and transparent governance. In support of those strategic directions, private-public partnerships will be encouraged. Furthermore, the subprogramme will support improvement of land and urban services, and identify, develop and disseminate good practices on innovative policies for promoting the renovation and maintenance of the existing housing stock, as well as policies for new housing construction and urban environment improvement. It will also support the upgrade of land and real estate systems in order to provide secure ownership in land, investment and other private and public rights in real estate.

16.24 In the area of population, the subprogramme will assist countries in population-related policymaking through information exchange and meetings and facilitate implementation of the final documents of regional and global conferences on population issues, such as the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the ECE regional implementation strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing. To provide up-to-date knowledge for the policy discussion, the subprogramme will coordinate regional cooperation in data collection and research on the determinants of demographic choices, ageing and gender relations. Such cooperation will aim at building national-level capacity in conducting policy-oriented research on population issues and harnessing the outputs of that research to the benefit of policymaking.

Legislative mandates

General Assembly resolutions

55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
56/201	Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations System
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/156	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
57/274	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
58/218	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

59/168	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
59/227	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
59/243	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
59/250	Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations System
59/259	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization
59/240	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1998/46	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
2005/31	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2005/48	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

Economic and Social Council decisions

1997/224	Declaration on the Strengthening of Economic Cooperation in Europe and Plan of Action

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

E/ECE/RW.2/2000/7	ECE Report from the Regional Preparatory Meeting on the 2000 Review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, January 2000
E/ECE/1434/Rev.1	Work Plan on ECE Reform

Subprogramme 1
Environment

General Assembly resolutions

58/217	International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015
59/228	Activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, preparations for the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2003/61	Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.21/2002/8	Declaration on the establishment of a Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) adopted by the Second High-Level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health

Subprogramme 2
Transport

General Assembly resolutions

58/9	Global road safety crisis
58/201	Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries
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1999/65	Reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals
2005/34	Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar
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Economic Commission for Europe decisions

ECE/AC.21/2002/8	Declaration on the establishment of a Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) adopted by the Second High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health

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2005/13	2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

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C (47)	The Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics in the Region of the Economic Commission of Europe

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58/230	Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
59/4	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization
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2004/64	International Conference on Financing for Development

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60/199	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme

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2003/61	Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development

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1997/226	United Nations International Framework Classification for Energy Reserves/Resources: Solid Fuels and Mineral Commodities
2004/233	United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources

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59/243	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
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1991/76	Promotion of interregional cooperation in the area of international trade facilitation
2004/64	International Conference on Financing for Development

Economic and Social Council decisions

1997/225	Economic Commission for Europe Recommendation 25, entitled "Use of the UN/EDIFACT Standard"

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59/150	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
59/239	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
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Overall orientation

17.1 The overall purpose of the programme is to promote the economic and social development of Latin America and the Caribbean through interactive cooperation with member States, by undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the development process and providing the relevant operational services.

17.2 The mandate for the programme, which falls within the purview of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), derives from Economic and Social Council resolution 106 (VI), by which the Council established the Commission and entrusted it, inter alia, with initiating and participating in measures for improving the level of economic and social activity in Latin America and the Caribbean, maintaining and strengthening economic relations among the countries of the region and between them and other countries; making or sponsoring such research and studies as the Commission deemed appropriate; and undertaking or supporting member countries in the collection, evaluation and dissemination of information on regional development issues, trends and policies. The mandate has been set forth in greater detail in various resolutions adopted subsequently by the General Assembly, the Council and the Commission. The Commission's overall strategy for achieving the objectives of the programme is structured around 12 interdependent and complementary subprogrammes implemented through an integrated and multidisciplinary approach. In formulating this biennial plan, the basic guidelines and overarching orientation for the work to be undertaken in the biennium 2008-2009 were drawn from the internationally agreed development goals stemming from the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields, including those set forth in the Millennium Declaration and the 2005 World Summit Outcome.

17.3 Over the past two decades, the region's economic performance has been typified mostly by a slow and volatile economic growth, with marked fluctuations in capital flows. In the context of globalization, the Latin America and the Caribbean region has been unable to fully benefit from the opportunities offered by competitive integration with the international economy, while it has strongly felt the effects of existing inequalities and risks owing to, among other factors, the scant progress achieved in the rounds of multilateral trade negotiations. Although the region has recorded increases in social spending, improvement in life expectancy, falling infant mortality and progress in terms of gender equity in education, it is still the least equitable in the world in terms of income and distribution of wealth. Poverty, which affects on average 41 per cent of the population, and social vulnerabilities are intimately related to the significant international migratory flows that affect the region. Those problems have eroded social cohesion, increased tensions within countries and accentuated the fragility of democracies and their institutions. The region is also particularly vulnerable to natural disasters, especially in the Caribbean Rim and the Central American subregion, and is facing formidable challenges owing to the deterioration of its natural resources and biodiversity base. In more recent years, the economic and social overview has shown a significant recovery, which led to cautious optimism. In 2006, the region will be completing a period of expansion lasting four consecutive years. The estimated increase in regional per capita gross domestic product is expected to reach 10 per cent for the period 2004-2006, while a current account surplus in the balance of payments is

maintained simultaneously. Sustaining these positive features will largely depend on a favourable and lasting international environment.

17.4 Consequently, the basic development challenges facing the region in the medium and long term can be summed up as the need to sustain the progress achieved in the macroeconomic order and avoid excessive exchange-rate appreciation, to create an enabling environment that will boost investment opportunities, to enhance productive diversification and to broaden and increase the scale and efficiency of social spending to invest in human capital formation. In order to meet those challenges, ECLAC member States decided during the thirty-first session of the Commission, held in Montevideo in April 2006, to focus the programme of work in the 2008-2009 biennium on the following priority areas (see ECLAC resolution 623 (XXXI)):

(a) Improvement of the region's position in the international economy;

(b) Consolidation of progress achieved in macroeconomic stability (in nominal and real terms);

(c) Improving social cohesion;

(d) Increasing the region's productive potential;

(e) Enhancing sustainable development policies;

(f) Reinforcing gender mainstreaming in public policies;

(g) Improving global institutions.

17.5 To this end, the strategy will emphasize analytical, advocacy and capacity-building work. The focus will be on the formulation of public policies and the facilitation of their practical implementation by making available operational services in the areas of specialized information, technical assistance and training and by fostering cooperation at the regional and international levels. ECLAC will continue to work on the integrated follow-up to world summits from a regional perspective, in particular on the assessment of the region's progress towards the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals. For this purpose, the Commission will provide technical advisory services to the countries that require them for the formulation and implementation of action plans to meet the internationally agreed development goals.

Subprogramme 1
Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen linkages between Latin American and Caribbean countries and the global economy and regional cooperation and integration schemes at the subregional, regional and hemispheric levels

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased awareness among member countries of ECLAC concerning global and regional trade flows, trade policies and international negotiations in order to facilitate decision-making in those areas	(a) (i) Increased number of downloads of selected subprogramme publications whose content provides important information, analysis of experience and recommendations for action (ii) Increased percentage of public- and private-sector participants in subprogramme activities who describe the information provided, the analyses conducted and the recommendations made as "useful" or "very useful" (iii) Increased percentage of readers responding to the questionnaire on the flagship subprogramme publication, *Latin America and the Caribbean in the World Economy*, who consider its analytical contents and its recommendations to be "useful" or "very useful" for policy and programme formulation
(b) Strengthened human, technical and institutional capacities in ECLAC member countries for the negotiation, implementation and administration of commitments entered into as a result of trade agreements at the subregional, regional and multilateral levels	(b) Increased percentage of the main beneficiaries of technical cooperation services offered by the subprogramme who evaluated them as "useful" or "very useful" for their specific areas of work

Strategy

17.6 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme rests with the Division of International Trade and Integration. The strategy to be followed will take special account of the relevant provisions relating to the goals and targets set forth in the Millennium Declaration, in particular those relating to the establishment of a global partnership for development, in order to further develop an open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system and to address the special needs of the least developed and landlocked countries and the small island developing States. The focus of the subprogramme will be on applied research and capacity-building activities to support ECLAC member States in strengthening their systemic competitiveness in order to pursue an efficient integration with the

international economy and to draw on the benefits from cooperation and integration among the countries of the region. The subprogramme will organize its work during the biennium around three main subject areas: (a) trends in financial and trade flows and advances in multilateral negotiations; (b) interdependence and a mutually reinforcing relationship between bilateral agreements and regional, hemispheric and multilateral treaties; and (c) strengthening the capacities of the countries of the region for the negotiation, implementation and administration of various trade agreements. The subprogramme strategy will be aimed, on the one hand, at generating knowledge and evaluate experience in the various subject areas falling within its substantive competence and, on the other, to adopt a problem-solving approach to support decision-making by the main stakeholders. This approach will emphasize the role of ECLAC as a forum and catalyst for discussion, consensus-building and decision-making in areas of importance for the countries of the region. Seminars and expert meetings will be held to facilitate the sharing of experience by policymakers and private sector actors and researchers. Likewise, the strategy will encourage the creation and support the operation of networks for the generation, updating and sharing of relevant knowledge. This approach implies the identification of specific concerns and needs at the country level and, on that basis, to providing support to the design of projects and programmes that respond to the demands of the public and private sectors. The strategy also involves the provision of advisory services to support the countries of the region in their efforts to strengthen and improve their human and institutional capacities in order to facilitate the implementation of policies and programmes relating to the areas of trade and competitiveness; in the negotiation, implementation and administration of trade agreements and multilateral rules; and in the facilitation of trade and transport. Lastly, as part of the substantive debate and consensus-building processes, the subprogramme will endeavour to promote regular interaction among those public and private sector stakeholders that play a leading role in and are the main beneficiaries of trade and regional integration, such as small and medium-sized enterprises, major corporations, non-profit entities and educational institutions.

Subprogramme 2
Production and innovation

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen the capacity of the countries of the region to design and implement microeconomic and sectoral policies to foster the production and innovation of knowledge systems, with due consideration given to the economic, social and environmental dimensions and linkages with the global economy

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased awareness among member States in the region of the research findings and policy recommendations produced by the subprogramme concerning key issues of the region's productive development	(a) (i) Increased number of downloads of selected publications of the subprogramme with significant analytical content and recommendations on policy options for the development of the productive sector

	(ii) Increased percentage of respondents to surveys assessing the analytical content and the policy options and recommendations of the flagship publication *Foreign Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean* as "useful" or "very useful" for their work
(b) Increased utilization of the Commission's services by its stakeholders to formulate policies and strategies to enhance the competitiveness of their production structures	(b) (i) Increased number of users of the specialized search engine on productive development policies on the subprogramme's website
	(ii) Increased percentage of participants rating the training courses organized by the subprogramme as "useful" or "very useful" for their work

Strategy

17.7 Substantive responsibility for the execution of the subprogramme rests with the Division of Production, Productivity and Management. The strategy to be followed will take special account of the relevant provisions relating to the goals and targets set forth in the Millennium Declaration, particularly those related to the global partnership for development. In cooperation with the private sector, it will strive to make available to its stakeholders the benefits of new technologies, especially with respect to information and communications.

17.8 The focus of the subprogramme will be on increasing the region's productive potential. In this sense, the subprogramme strategy will be geared towards generating economic analyses, disseminating their results and offering policy recommendations to Governments to strengthen the development of productive sectors in Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly in industry, agriculture and related services, foreign investment and transnational corporations and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, and innovations systems, with special attention to information and communication technologies. The implementation of this strategy will focus on applied research on the dynamics of productive development in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, technical cooperation projects and the provision of advisory missions, including electronic cooperation. The organization of debate and consensus-building forums as well as the creation and operation of networks and communities of practice will be supported in order to generate, update and disseminate knowledge and facilitate the sharing of experience, best practices and lessons learned. In the area of training, workshops and courses will be organized to contribute to improving the technical capacities of relevant stakeholders and end-users. In this connection, the subprogramme will seek to play a leading role in the region in promoting an understanding of the productive development process, its determinants and policy implications and of the behaviour and performance of economic agents and the innovation process.

Subprogramme 3
Macroeconomic policies and growth

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen the capacity of Latin American and Caribbean countries to design and implement suitable macroeconomic policies for achieving long-term growth

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased awareness of policymakers in Latin America and the Caribbean of key issues at stake to design and implement consistent short-term macroeconomic policies within a long-term growth-enhancing framework	(a) Increased percentage of users who find the subprogramme's flagship publications "useful"
(b) Greater understanding by Latin American and Caribbean countries of opportunities for reconciling growth with long-term development	(b) Increased proportion of beneficiaries of expert meetings provided by the subprogramme that consider the relevant policy recommendations received to be "useful" or "very useful"

Strategy

17.9 Substantive responsibility for the execution of the subprogramme rests with the Economic Development Division. The strategy to be followed will take special account of relevant provisions relating to the goals and targets set forth in the Millennium Declaration, in particular those referring to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, in order to develop a global partnership for development, which will include the commitment to further develop an open, rule-based, predictable, non-discriminatory trading and financial system, and to deal comprehensively with the debt problems of developing countries through national and international measures in order to make debt sustainable in the long term.

17.10 The focus of the subprogramme will be on applied research and the provision of advisory services and policy recommendations to Governments, central banks and other relevant stakeholders concerned with the region's macroeconomic performance, with a view to addressing the challenges of consolidating long-term economic growth within a framework of stability, achieving more equitable patterns of income distribution and reducing poverty levels. The subprogramme will organize its work during the biennium around the sectoral review of the performance of Latin American and Caribbean economies and analyses of development strategies and economic and social policies in the region. The issues to be dealt with will include the implementation of countercyclical monetary and fiscal policies; the development of financial systems in terms of access, cost and new instruments; an increase in domestic savings to reduce dependence on external savings for financing investment; the reduction of vulnerability resulting from the fluctuations in the price of international goods and in capital markets and the crushing burden of external debt; the reinforcement of export linkages with the rest of the productive structure; and the advancement of macroeconomic policy coordination and integration in the region. The subprogramme strategy will also be geared towards generating economic analyses, disseminating their results and

offering policy recommendations to Governments: (a) to strengthen their capacity to manage macroeconomic policies and long-term growth; (b) to design and implement fiscal policies and relevant structural reforms; and (c) to promote the coordination of macroeconomic policies in order to advance in the field of integration.

Subprogramme 4
Social development and equity

Objective of the Organization: to accelerate the alleviation of poverty and the attainment of social equity in the region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Fuller understanding and stronger analytical capacity on the part of the region's Governments and other stakeholders with respect to long-standing structural and newly emerging social problems and challenges posed by globalization for the poorer socio-economic groups, the middle class, workers and their families	(a) (i) Increased number of respondents to the questionnaires on the subprogramme's flagship publication *Social Panorama of Latin America* who consider its analysis useful in improving their understanding of the region's structural social problems (ii) Increased number of downloads from the ECLAC website of the main publications and documents containing diagnoses of the social situation of the population
(b) Strengthened capacity of Governments to enhance social policy institutions that optimize the use of resources to maximize social impact, particularly with a view to reducing poverty and inequality	(b) (i) Number of technical cooperation services implemented by the subprogramme in relation to the design and evaluation of social policies and institutions (ii) Increased number of thematic networks of social policymakers or other social stakeholders established for the exchange of information, experience and good practices

Strategy

17.11 Substantive responsibility for the execution of the subprogramme rests with the Social Development Division. The strategy to be followed will take special account of the relevant provisions relating to the goals and targets set forth in the Millennium Declaration, in particular those concerning the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, the achievement of universal primary education, the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment, the reduction of child mortality and the improvement of maternal health.

17.12 The focus of the subprogramme will be on applied research and the provision of advisory services and policy recommendations to Governments and other stakeholders concerned with social development in the region with a view to achieving greater social cohesion. The subprogramme will organize its work during

the biennium around the assessment of the social situation of the population in the region and the design of social protection institutions to strengthen good governance. The issues under focus will include the establishment of a comprehensive social pact designed to promote access to quality employment and stimulate sustainable growth with greater equity; the complementarities of market-based solutions with institutions that guarantee joint financing in order to achieve universal access to social protection systems, strengthen human capital formation and achieve a much greater redistributive impact; and the redefinition of social policy institutions. The strategy will consist of the development of applied research lines and the dissemination of its main findings and conclusions as a basis for providing policy recommendations to Governments in order to strengthen their capacity to make sound diagnoses that can be translated into effective social policies and programmes. The creation of networks and communities of practice will be promoted in order to generate, update and disseminate relevant knowledge and information and to facilitate the exchange of experience and best practices among policymakers, scholars and other interested parties. In that regard, support will be provided to member Governments of ECLAC and to other social stakeholders to give them insight into the complex interactions among the State, families and the labour market that determine access to the benefits of development and into the elements that provide a social content to the fiscal pact. Technical cooperation services will be provided to the countries in the region to follow up on the plans of action adopted at the United Nations international conferences and summits in the social sphere. The subprogramme will serve as a forum for discussion of those common social issues on the regional agenda that are geared to poverty eradication and the reduction of inequalities.

Subprogramme 5
Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development

Objective of the Organization: to achieve the mainstreaming of the gender equity agenda into the principal policies of the Governments of the Latin American and Caribbean countries

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Progress in the adoption of a gender perspective by countries of the region to follow up on all internationally agreed development goals contained in both the Millennium Declaration and the regional consensuses	(a) (i) Increased number of countries that have integrated the supplementary indicators proposed by ECLAC into their databases and documents prepared with a view to following up on all internationally agreed development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration and the regional consensuses

	(ii) Increased number of social programmes that utilize or have resulted from the use of the supplementary indicators proposed by ECLAC to follow up on the development goal contained in the Millennium Declaration related to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, particularly regarding the promotion of women's economic independence and the monitoring of gender violence
(b) Progress in the implementation of the agreements reached at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean	(b) (i) Number of countries that request advisory services from ECLAC to support their efforts to implement the agreements reached at the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean and to follow up on the internationally agreed development goals contained in the Millennium Declaration
	(ii) Number of programmes or public policies adopted by the countries of the region in response to the agreements of the tenth session of the Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Strategy

17.13 Substantive responsibility for the execution of the subprogramme rests with the Women and Development Unit of the Office of the Secretary of the Commission. The strategy will take special account of the relevant provisions relating to the goals and targets set forth in the Millennium Declaration, in particular the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women as effective ways to combat poverty, hunger and disease and to stimulate development that is truly sustainable. The subprogramme will focus on advocacy, applied research and capacity-building activities to stimulate the mainstreaming of the gender perspective in public policies, taking into account the ethnic, racial and generational diversity that characterizes the region. The subprogramme will also concentrate on strengthening national capacities to respond to the most urgent challenges relating to combating poverty and strengthening good governance against the backdrop of empowering women as citizens. Efforts will continue to strengthen the coordination of gender-related activities among United Nations bodies at both the regional and global levels.

Subprogramme 6
Population and development

Objective of the Organization: to improve the generation of sociodemographic information and knowledge on population issues for use in social programming in the countries of the region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased technical capacity of the member States of ECLAC to monitor population trends and tackle population and development issues for use in social programming	(a) Increased number of member States making use of new knowledge and information generated under the subprogramme on demographic trends and population and development issues for the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of their social programmes and policies
(b) Increased technical capacity of the member States of ECLAC to monitor progress in the implementation of the recommendations and goals of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing as well as the relevant objectives and goals of the Millennium Declaration	(b) Increased number of countries that have taken action to implement the goals and recommendations of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Regional Strategy for the Implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing

Strategy

17.14 Substantive responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme rests with the Population and Development Division — Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre. The strategy for the subprogramme will focus on assisting the countries of the region in improving the generation of sociodemographic information and knowledge to facilitate their utilization in the formulation of social programmes, especially those aimed at poverty alleviation and the reduction of social inequities. The subprogramme will also support the efforts of member States to implement and monitor the commitments agreed upon at international conferences, in particular those related to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing and the United Nations High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, as well as the relevant goals and objectives of the Millennium Declaration.

17.15 The subprogramme will deal with the demographic transition in Latin American and Caribbean countries arising primarily from the continuing decline in fertility rates, the rise in life expectancy and the ageing of the population, which are taking place in an unfavourable socio-economic context that places restrictions on the institutional, political and cultural adaptations needed in order to deal successfully with this social phenomenon. The subprogramme will also continue to promote the integration of sociodemographic variables in social programming in order to manage urban expansion, improve living conditions and reduce poverty

levels in the population. In addition, attention will be paid to the migration patterns affecting the region and the diversification of various forms of population displacement, which require dealing with the situation of emigrants as social, political and economic actors in need of protection through a broad-based notion of citizenship.

17.16 The strategy will also focus on strengthening the technical and institutional capacity of ECLAC member States to conduct more effective analyses and to incorporate sociodemographic variables in the formulation and implementation of development policies, programmes and projects. In this sense, the strategy will include a technical cooperation component to provide policy advice to Governments and to organize debate and knowledge-sharing forums to support the design of policies and programmes responsive to country-specific needs. The strategy will also support networking in order to generate, update and disseminate knowledge resulting from applied research work undertaken by the subprogramme and by other relevant stakeholders concerned with population and development issues in the region.

Subprogramme 7
Planning of public administration

Objective of the Organization: to improve public sector management in the countries of the region with regard to planning, budgeting and local development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased knowledge among ECLAC member countries about planning, budgeting and local development approaches in public policies	(a) (i) Increased number of ECLAC member States whose professionals participate in training activities organized by the subprogramme
	(ii) Increased percentage of participants rating the courses given by the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) as "useful" or "very useful"
	(iii) Increased number of downloads from the ILPES website of electronic documents and material prepared by the subprogramme
(b) Increased coordination and exchange of experience among ECLAC member countries on issues relating to the planning, budgeting and local development of public policies	(b) (i) Increased number of stakeholders from ECLAC member States participating in intergovernmental forums, technical meetings, seminars and conferences organized by the subprogramme
	(ii) Increased percentage of ECLAC member countries receiving technical cooperation from ILPES for institutional strengthening on issues relating to planning, budgeting and local development

Strategy

17.17 Substantive responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme rests with ILPES, which acts as the Commission's training centre and plays a normative role in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of all training activities offered by the Commission. The strategy to be followed will take special account of the relevant provisions of the internationally agreed development goals, including those set forth in the Millennium Declaration.

17.18 The focus of the subprogramme will be on building the capacity of ECLAC member States for public administration, at the national and local levels, with regard to State modernization, economic and social planning, budgetary and public investment policies and local development policies. The strategy will focus on the continuation of the provision of support to the countries of the region in their efforts to reform public administration and achieve greater fiscal transparency. Such efforts will concentrate on improving budgetary and financial administrative practices at both the national and local levels through the use of a multi-year perspective that takes into account the planning functions of public administration. The subprogramme will also promote and support the setting up of new instruments for budgetary policymaking and evaluation and the implementation of results-based management practices in the public policy cycle. In this field, the integration of national public investment systems with budget programming will be facilitated through standardized procedures, training on the project cycle and the development of computerized information subsystems. The strategy will also include the enhancement of the design and implementation of local and regional development policies that use endogenous local resources with a view to fostering new development strategies based on the potential of local and regional economies to complement national policies. Emphasis will be placed on the need to develop stronger links between local and regional capacities with the legal, political and financial framework in order to enhance efficient decentralization processes. The strategy will also emphasize analytical work and the provision of support to knowledge networks in order to take advantage of synergies arising from the exchange of experience on best practices and lessons learned in the region.

Subprogramme 8
Sustainable development and human settlements

Objective of the Organization: to improve the integration of environmental and urban management considerations into economic, social and land-use policies in the framework of sustainable development

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Fuller understanding by the Governments of the region and other stakeholders of trends and prospects in sustainable development and human settlements	(a) (i) Increased percentage of respondents from the countries of the region participating in seminars and training activities organized under the subprogramme who rate the knowledge gained as "very useful" for their work

	(ii) Increased number of online consultations, downloads and direct enquiries by stakeholders and users of the databases and publications produced under the subprogramme
(b) Enhanced capacity of the Governments of the region to follow up and make progress in the implementation of international agreements and national plans of action derived from the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	(b) Increased percentage of participants from ECLAC member States that present reports at the regional implementation meetings organized under the subprogramme

Strategy

17.19 Substantive responsibility for the execution of the subprogramme rests with the Sustainable Development and Human Settlements Division. The strategy will take special account of the relevant provisions relating to the goals and targets set forth in the Millennium Declaration, in particular those aimed at ensuring environmental sustainability, integrating the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes, reversing the loss of environmental resources and achieving a significant improvement in the lives of slum-dwellers. Special effort will also be devoted to the regional follow-up to the implementation of international agreements stemming from the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in particular from the Kyoto Protocol, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements.

17.20 The focus of the subprogramme will be on advocacy, applied research and the design of policy recommendations to Governments and other stakeholders concerned with sustainable development policies. The subprogramme will organize its work around three main subject areas, namely: (a) the evaluation of advances in sustainable development in the region; (b) the integration of public policies, the appraisal of externalities and follow-up of international and regional agreements for sustainable development; and (c) sustainable development and human settlements. The issues to be dealt with will include the establishment of systems of sustainability indicators at the country level as the basis to undertake strategic environmental evaluations and to model alternative policy options for implementation at various governmental and territorial levels. The subprogramme will also deal with issues pertaining to the analysis of climate change, the development of clean production mechanisms and the sustainability of human settlements and land management. The strategy of the subprogramme will seek to strengthen countries' capacities to design, implement, monitor and coordinate public policies that integrate sustainability criteria. In this sense, it will include a technical cooperation and capacity-building component and will also support the creation and operation of knowledge networks to facilitate the exchange of experience and the undertaking of applied research on regional advances towards sustainable development with a comparative perspective. In terms of methodology, studies will focus on new ways to analyse sustainable development trends and public policy

options and to evaluate the costs and benefits involved with a view to providing relevant information to decision makers. The research lines will centre on national case studies and the comparative analysis of sustainable development among the countries of the region in order to identify types of syndromes of sustainability and the effective linkages of integrated policies and management instruments. At the operational level, work will be carried out with countries interested in analysing and updating their policies and instruments of State management and modernization in order to achieve the sustainable development targets.

Subprogramme 9
Natural resources and infrastructure

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen the sustainable management of natural resources and the competitiveness of the economies of the region by the transfer to users of efficiencies in the provision of public utilities and infrastructure services

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened institutional capacity in the countries of the region to formulate and implement public policies and regulatory frameworks to increase efficiency in the sustainable management of natural resources and in the provision of public utilities and infrastructure services	(a) Increased number of countries and academic, regional and business institutions that act upon the technical approaches and recommendations offered by the subprogramme
(b) Enhanced policy harmonization and coordination and sharing of best practices at the subregional and regional levels on the issues dealt with by the subprogramme	(b) Increased number of decision makers, entrepreneurs and scholars from the countries of the region who consider the subprogramme's contributions to policy harmonization and coordination to be valuable

Strategy

17.21 Substantive responsibility for the execution of the subprogramme rests with the Natural Resources and Infrastructure Division. The strategy will take special account of the relevant provisions concerning the goals and targets set forth in the Millennium Declaration, in particular those aimed at ensuring environmental sustainability, integrating the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programmes, reversing the loss of environmental resources, halving the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water, developing a global partnership for development and addressing the special needs of the least developed and landlocked countries. Special efforts will also be devoted to following up on the regional implementation of international agreements stemming from the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and the Almaty Programme of Action.

17.22 The focus of the subprogramme will be on advocacy, applied research and the provision of advisory services and policy recommendations to Governments of the region and other stakeholders concerned with the sustainable management of natural resources and the provision of public utility and infrastructure services, particularly in relation to energy, water, mining and transport infrastructures. The subprogramme

will examine the sustainability criteria underlying the design and implementation of sectoral policies leading to the expansion of the utilization of the countries' natural resources and will address the challenges that policymakers face when dealing with such pressing demands, while ensuring the dissemination of greater efficiencies among all economic agents and the population as a whole, in order to improve social equity and stimulate endogenous development. In this sense, the further development of appropriate regulatory frameworks is essential to ensure efficiency gains with social equity considerations. Another area of interest will be the integration of the physical infrastructure among the countries of the region, particularly in the energy sector, which is expected to receive priority treatment within the regional development agenda in the coming years. The strategy will also focus on strengthening the technical capacity of the countries of the region to apply and manage public policies that integrate the requirements of long-term growth, the protection of natural resources and social justice with the sustainable management of natural resources. The integration of physical infrastructure among the countries of the region will also be promoted with a view to improving the complementarities of their productive structures. To this end, the strategy will emphasize analytical work and the organization of discussion forums and knowledge networks to share best practices and lessons learned in the region in terms of the regulation and management of natural resources and the provision of public utilities and infrastructure services. Priority will be given to the provision of policy recommendations to Governments and other stakeholders in the spheres of regulation and management of mineral, energy and water resources and public utilities and infrastructure services.

Subprogramme 10
Statistics and economic projections

Objective of the Organization: to enhance the production and timely dissemination of statistical information and indicators in order to design and monitor economic and social policies in the region

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Modernization of the national accounts of the countries of the region through the incorporation of the new methodological recommendations adopted at the international level in the framework of the System of National Accounts 1993 and their adaptation to the special needs arising from structural changes in the economies	(a) Number of countries in the region regarded by the Statistical Conference of the Americas as having made satisfactory progress in implementing the System of National Accounts 1993 and incorporated satellite accounts, in accordance with international recommendations and their own requirements
(b) Increased utilization of projections and economic and social indicators compiled and produced by the subprogramme	(b) (i) Increased number of downloads of the economic indicators and projections made available online by ECLAC (ii) Increased number of visits and queries from external users to the main economic and social databases of the Statistics and Economic Projections Division

(c) Strengthened capacity on the part of the countries of the region to monitor the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals relating to poverty and social well-being and to design better policies for disseminating harmonized indicators, at both the national level and within the United Nations system	(c) Increased number of countries in the region having made satisfactory progress towards the collection of data and the production of Millennium Development Goals indicators

Strategy

17.23 Responsibility for the implementation of the subprogramme rests with the Statistics and Economic Projections Division. Given its interdisciplinary nature, the subprogramme will be executed in close collaboration with other ECLAC divisions, to which it will continue to provide services. The strategy will focus on strengthening the capacity of the national statistical systems of the region to produce and disseminate, in a timely manner and in keeping with international standards and best practices, the statistical information and indicators needed to design and monitor their economic and social policies. Such activities include refining methodologies in the field of national accounts, statistics and projections and providing technical assistance and training to national statistical offices. Activities in the economic field will include incorporating new dimensions relevant to the design and monitoring of development policy as well as expanding the time horizon of the models used for analysing alternative scenarios. In the social field, activities will be undertaken to increase the scope of the measurement of well-being and relative poverty, with special attention to socio-economic vulnerability, exclusion and opportunities. One of the central aims of the strategy is to continue to support and strengthen the activities of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC, in particular in its efforts to harmonize and coordinate statistics in the context of regional integration schemes.

Subprogramme 11
Subregional activities in Mexico and Central America

Objective of the Organization: to achieve dynamic growth and sustainable, inclusive and equitable development within a robust and democratic institutional framework and to enable the countries in the subregion to fulfil the goals set forth in the Millennium Declaration

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened understanding and analytical knowledge of ECLAC member States regarding the subregional development agenda and policy options in poverty reduction and economic development	(a) (i) Increased number of member States accessing the services and products of the subprogramme aimed at increasing their analytical understanding of the subregional development agenda and policy options in poverty reduction and economic development

	(ii) Increased percentage of member States evaluating the products and services of the subprogramme aimed at increasing their understanding regarding the development challenges of the subregion and policy options in poverty reduction and economic development as "useful" or "very useful"
(b) Increased technical capacities of ECLAC member States regarding the subregional development agenda and policy options in trade and integration and sustainable development	(b) (i) Increased number of stakeholders accessing the services and products of the subprogramme aimed at increasing their technical capacities regarding the subregional development agenda and policy options in trade and integration and sustainable development
	(ii) Increased percentage of stakeholders evaluating the subprogramme's products and services aimed at increasing their technical capacities regarding the development challenges of the subregion and policy options in trade and integration and sustainable development as "useful" or "very useful"

Strategy

17.24 Substantive responsibility for the execution of the subprogramme rests with the ECLAC subregional headquarters in Mexico. The strategy to be followed will take special account of the relevant provisions of the internationally agreed development goals, including those set forth in the Millennium Declaration, in particular regarding the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment, ensuring environmental sustainability and building up a global partnership for development.

17.25 The strategy to be pursued will focus on strengthening the analytical understanding and technical capacity of ECLAC member States in the subregion and promoting cooperation among them regarding the formulation of strategies and public policies in the areas of poverty reduction and economic and productive development, including the agricultural sector, trade and integration, sustainable energy options and disaster evaluation and risk management. The subprogramme will concentrate on the generation, dissemination and application of innovative knowledge to tackle the development challenges of the subregion, and on that basis will present public-policy options and recommendations to sectoral authorities and other decision makers for their consideration, taking into account the diversity of national contexts. The subprogramme will also undertake capacity-building work and promote the organization of specialized forums to share experience, best practices and lessons learned among stakeholders with a view to fostering policy-oriented dialogue on priority issues of the development agenda. Finally, the subprogramme will strengthen its capacity to generate multisectoral and

interdisciplinary analysis, to process and systematize data and to develop analytical models with quantitative tools.

Subprogramme 12
Subregional activities in the Caribbean

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen economic and social development, to promote the integration processes among the countries of the Caribbean and to enhance cooperation within the Caribbean subregion with Latin America and with the broader international community

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased knowledge of policymakers, researchers and the general public in the subregion of issues related to sustainable development and integration in the context of the Caribbean Basin	(a) (i) Increased number of participants rating as "useful" the meetings and forums organized by the subprogramme (ii) Increased number of references in policy documents, academic literature and mass media to ECLAC publications and data on development in the Caribbean Basin
(b) Improved human resource capacity and technical expertise for economic and social policymaking in the Caribbean	(b) (i) Increased number of participants in training activities organized by the subprogramme who assess the training received as "useful" or "very useful" for their work (ii) Increased number of requests for technical assistance in the Caribbean satisfactorily fulfilled by the subprogramme

Strategy

17.26 Substantive responsibility for the subprogramme rests with the ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean. The strategy will take special account of the relevant provisions relating to the internationally agreed development goals, including those set forth in the Millennium Declaration, particularly those regarding the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment, ensuring environmental sustainability, building a global partnership for development and addressing the special needs of small island developing States. It will be guided by the principles of collaboration, partnership and teamwork with regional and subregional institutions and governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with sustainable development and with the secretariats of the subregional integration schemes and groupings, such as the Caribbean Community and Common Market, the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States and the Association of Caribbean States.

17.27 The strategy will focus on analytical work to present public-policy options and recommendations to sectoral authorities and other decision makers for their

consideration. It will encompass capacity-building at the country level in national accounting and the analysis of macroeconomic, trade and sectoral policies, and will gradually start developing new capabilities related to economic forecasting and modelling. The subprogramme will also assist Caribbean countries in their efforts to implement the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and to strengthen national capabilities for the collection of social statistics for monitoring follow-up of the internationally agreed development goals. Finally, efforts will be made to strengthen national capabilities in disaster preparedness and risk reduction strategies by taking advantage of the unique expertise of ECLAC in disaster assessment

Legislative mandates (all subprogrammes)

General Assembly resolutions

55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
58/172	The right to development
58/220	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries
58/222	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)
58/225	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
58/230	Follow-up to the implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
58/269	Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change
59/44	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization
59/57	A Fair Globalization: Creating Opportunities for All — report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization
59/146	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
59/185	The right to development
59/225	Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
59/240	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
59/247	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)
59/258	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System
59/293	Modalities for the High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome

60/4	Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations
60/134	Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers
60/157	The right to development
60/188	Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development
60/204	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
60/209	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)
60/212	South-South cooperation
60/215	Towards global partnerships
60/228	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2001/21	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits
2003/47	International Conference on Financing for Development
2004/44	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits
2004/45	San Juan resolution on productive development in open economies
2004/64	International Conference on Financing for Development
2004/65	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
2004/246	Regional cooperation
2004/310	Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

2002/1	Agreed conclusions on strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role assigned to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

595 (XXIX) Brasilia resolution on globalization and development

611 (XXX) Cooperation among developing countries and regions

612 (XXX) San Juan resolution on productive development in open economies

619 (XXXI) ECLAC Calendar of Conferences for the period 2006-2008

620 (XXXI) South-South Cooperation

623 (XXXI) Priorities and Programme of Work of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the biennium 2008-2009

625 (XXXI) Activities of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean in relation to follow-up to the Millennium Development Goals

626 (XXXI) Montevideo resolutions on Shaping the future of social protection: access, financing and solidarity

627 (XXXI) Admission of Japan as a Member State of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

628 (XXXI) Admissions of the Turks and Caicos Islands as an Associate Member of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 1
Linkages with the global economy, regional integration and cooperation

General Assembly resolutions

58/197 International trade and development

58/201 Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries

59/221 International trade and development

59/245 Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

59/243 Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

60/157 The right to development

60/186 International financial system and development

60/187 External debt crisis and development

60/208 Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

552 (XXVI) Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

Subprogramme 2
Production and innovation

General Assembly resolutions

56/182 Science and technology for development

57/243 Industrial development cooperation

58/207 Human resources development

58/242 Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

59/243 Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

59/249 Industrial development cooperation

59/220 World Summit on the Information Society

60/138 Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

60/186 International financial system and development

60/187 External debt crisis and development

60/200 International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006

60/205 Science and technology for development

60/211 Human resources development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2003/19 World Summit on the Information Society

2004/68 Science and technology for development

2004/296 Information and communication technologies for development

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

552 (XXVI) Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

549 (XXV) Coordination for development

598 (XXX) Implementation of participation of ECLAC associate member countries in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Economic and Social Council

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

610 (XXX) Follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society

629 (XXXI) Follow-up to the Plan of Action for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 3
Macroeconomic policies and growth

General Assembly resolutions

58/203 External debt crisis and development

58/221 Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005

59/223 External debt crisis and development

59/222 International financial system and development

59/241 International migration and development

59/246 Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

60/35 Enhancing capacity-building in global public health

60/130 Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

60/187 External debt crisis and development

60/186 International financial system and development

60/227 International migration and development

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

552 (XXVI) Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

564 (XXVII) Aruba resolution on the fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges

571 (XXVII) Poverty, population and fiscal expenditures

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

615 (XXXI) International migration

Subprogramme 4
Social development and equity

General Assembly resolutions

58/130 Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

58/132 Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century

58/133 Policies and programmes involving youth

58/141 International cooperation against the world drug problem

58/148 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

58/207 Human resources development

58/221 Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005

59/148 Policies and programmes involving youth: tenth anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond

59/149 United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all

59/174 Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

59/177 Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

59/241 International migration and development

59/246 Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

60/2 Policies and programmes involving youth

60/35 Enhancing capacity-building in global public health

60/130 Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

60/131	Implementation of the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities
60/133	Follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond
60/139	Violence against women migrant workers
60/140	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
60/141	The girl child
60/142	Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
60/143	Inadmissibility of certain practices that contribute to fuelling contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance
60/144	Global efforts for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action
60/160	Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities
60/166	Elimination of all forms of intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief
60/169	Protection of migrants
60/211	Human resources development
60/227	International migration and development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2002/26	Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights
2003/11	Policies and programmes involving youth

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

564 (XXVII)	Aruba resolution on the fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges
571 (XXVII)	Poverty, population and fiscal expenditures

598 (XXX) Implementation of participation of ECLAC associate member countries in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Economic and Social Council

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

609 (XXX) Financing and management of education

615 (XXXI) International migration

Subprogramme 5
Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development

General Assembly resolutions

58/145 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

58/148 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

58/206 Women in development

58/207 Human resources development

59/248 World survey on the role of women in development

59/168 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

59/174 Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

60/35 Enhancing capacity-building in global public health

60/130 Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

60/136 In-depth study on all forms of violence against women

60/137 United Nations Development Fund for Women

60/138 Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

60/139 Violence against women migrant workers

60/140 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

60/141 The girl child

60/157 The right to development

60/160 Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

60/169 Protection of migrants

60/230 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

60/210 Women in development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2001/5 Agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women on thematic issues

2003/44 Agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women on participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communication technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women

2003/40 Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

2004/4 Review of Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions 1997/2 on mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

555 (XXVI) Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001

568 (XXVII) Follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001

571 (XXVII) Poverty, population and fiscal expenditures

576 (XXVIII) Follow-up to the Regional Programme of Action for the Women of Latin America and the Caribbean, 1995-2001

598 (XXX) Implementation of participation of ECLAC associate member countries in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Economic and Social Council

605 (XXX) Regional Conferences on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

615 (XXXI) International migration

618 (XXXI) Regional Conferences on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean

Subprogramme 6
Population and development

General Assembly resolutions

S-21/2	Key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
58/134	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
58/148	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
58/208	International migration and development
59/150	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
59/174	Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
59/241	International migration and development
60/130	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
60/135	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
60/139	Violence against women migrant workers
60/140	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly
60/142	Programme of Action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People
60/160	Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities
60/169	Protection of migrants
60/227	International migration and development

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

555 (XXVI)	Latin American Demographic Centre
556 (XXVI)	Latin American and Caribbean Regional Plan of Action on Population and Development
569 (XXVII)	Latin American and Caribbean Demographic Centre — Population Division of ECLAC

571 (XXVII) Poverty, population and fiscal expenditures

590 (XXIX) Population and development: priority lines of action for 2002-2004

604 (XXX) Populations and development: priority activities for 2004-2006

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

615 (XXXI) International migration

616 (XXXI) Population and Development: Priority activities for the period 2006-2008

Subprogramme 7
Planning of public administration

General Assembly resolutions

58/231 Public administration and development

59/55 Public administration and development

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

340 (AC.66) Eighth extraordinary session of the Committee of the Whole of ECLAC

552 (XXVI) Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

554 (XXVI) Support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning

564 (XXVII) Aruba resolution on the fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges

581 (XXVIII) Support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning

597 (XXX) Support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

630 (XXXI) Support for the work of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning

Subprogramme 8
Sustainable development and human settlements

General Assembly resolutions

56/199	Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind
58/218	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
57/253	World Summit on Sustainable Development
58/226	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
58/242	Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa
59/227	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
59/237	United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development
59/239	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
60/189	Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session
60/193	Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
60/195	International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
60/196	Natural disasters and vulnerability
60/198	Sustainable mountain development
60/199	Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme
60/200	International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006
60/203	Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
60/220	Humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation for El Salvador and Guatemala

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

552 (XXVI) Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

598 (XXX) Implementation of participation of ECLAC associate member countries in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Economic and Social Council

594 (XXIX) World Summit on Sustainable Development

602 (XXX) Monitoring Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

Subprogramme 9
Natural resources and infrastructure

General Assembly resolutions

56/199 Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

58/201 Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries

58/210 Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

58/217 International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015

58/218 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

58/242 Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

59/227 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

59/228 Activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, preparations for the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources

59/245 Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

60/5 Improving global road safety

60/189 Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session

60/193 Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

60/199 Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme

60/208 Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

2003/61 Future programme, organization and methods of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development (subprogrammes 8 and 9)

2004/233 United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

552 (XXVI) Strengthening sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

564 (XXVII) Aruba resolution on the fiscal covenant: strengths, weaknesses, challenges

602 (XXX) Monitoring sustainable development in Latin America and the Caribbean

608 (XXX) Promotion of coordination in studies and activities concerning South America

Subprogramme 10
Statistics and economic projections

General Assembly resolutions

58/148 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

60/131 Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities

60/140 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2000/7 Establishment of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean resolutions

580 (XXVIII) Establishment of the statistical conference of the Americas of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

598 (XXX) Implementation of participation of ECLAC associate member countries in the follow-up to United Nations world conferences and in the work of the Economic and Social Council

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Overall orientation

18.1 The objective of the programme is to promote economic and social development policies and programmes in Western Asia that are consistent and coherent with the commitments of the major United Nations conferences and summits to achieve internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Declaration and the Millennium Development Goals. The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) is responsible for the implementation of the programme.

18.2 The programme is guided by the mandates of the Commission and its subsidiary legislative bodies within the overarching mandates of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council. ESCWA benefited from the priority and programme review of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs and the mandate review, which were carried out as part of the United Nations reform called for in the 2005 World Summit.

18.3 Political instability and the lack of adequate structural reforms influence economic performance in the countries of the region. While recent hikes in international energy prices have brought a surge of economic boom in most energy exporting countries of the region, other countries continue to face difficulties in mobilizing domestic and foreign direct investment. The region is in need of economic and social policies that ensure social justice and equitable distribution of wealth. Good governance is a prerequisite for the success of economic and social reforms. The prevalence of technology in the region, especially information and communication technologies — a powerful enabler of development — remains below the international average.

18.4 Furthermore, the region has the second highest population growth in the world, following Africa, creating increasing demand for food, water and energy, and adequate infrastructure to provide basic shelter, education, health care and other social services and productive employment opportunities. This requires the countries of the region to coordinate efforts and mobilize more resources for the provision of region al public goods, including water management, environmental vulnerability, the social safety net and coordination and harmonization in trade policies and procedures, transport infrastructure and conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

18.5 The countries of the region also continue to experience some of the highest unemployment rates in the world, especially among the youth. Migration, both towards and away from ESCWA countries, is a regional issue that needs to be addressed within the framework of international human rights treaties, taking into account regional economic considerations. Women do not yet fully gain equal rights and opportunities to economic and political participation, although the region achieved general success in making the secondary and tertiary education systems far more accessible to both sexes equally. Among the vulnerable groups, those who suffer most live in the least developed and conflict-stricken countries of the region.

18.6 There persists a strong need to improve the institutional capacity to produce timely, reliable and comparable statistics for policy and programme formulation and for monitoring the progress made towards the achievement of internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals. Regular

monitoring of the effects of conflict on economic and social development in the region is increasingly becoming important.

18.7 For the biennium 2008-2009, ESCWA will pursue the programme objective by promoting economic and social integration at the subregional and regional levels and fostering solidarity in the international political arena and global economy. Such regional integration could be scaled up to cover the Arab region through strategic partnerships with subregional and regional organizations, especially the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). The programme will focus on the four regional priority areas: (a) managing water and energy, (b) promoting integrated social policies, (c) stimulating economic development and integration in the increasingly globalizing world, and (d) accelerating the introduction and development of technology, especially information and communication technology. Throughout the programme, the emphasis will be placed on the effective participation and involvement of women and their advancement, special consideration for the people living in conflict-stricken countries and statistical capacity development.

18.8 ESCWA will carry out analytical and normative work, building on its accumulated knowledge and multidisciplinary expertise, which will be supported by the provision of technical cooperation. It will also facilitate multilateral dialogue, knowledge-sharing and networking on the outcome of the Commission's work and the national, regional and global development issues. In addition, ESCWA will provide a regional platform for the member countries to formulate and implement regional initiatives, agreements and programmes.

18.9 It is expected that regional support provided by ESCWA will contribute towards: (a) increased national capacity to formulate and implement economic and social policies and programmes that are pro-poor and inclusive, and to tackle transboundary issues; (b) provision of joint responses to address multifaceted problems encountered by the countries in the region through the coordinated efforts and consolidated resources of the United Nations entities; (c) enhanced work of the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions for the review and assessment of progress made in implementing the outcomes of United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields; and (d) increased knowledge-sharing and South-South cooperation among the countries in the region and with countries in other regions, thereby promoting regional and interregional cooperation.

18.10 The programme will be harmonized through regular interaction with the other entities of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs and the entities of the United Nations Development Group. The latter will be achieved through the Regional Coordination Group, which is led by ESCWA. ESCWA will enhance its collaboration with the subregional office for North Africa of the Economic Commission for Africa to ensure synergies in thematic and operational work and to bring its expertise to the countries in the North African subregion, which share common language and cultural values.

18.11 For the period 2008-2009, subprogrammes 3 and 4 are proposed to be merged into one subprogramme. An internal review carried out in December 2005 demonstrated that many mandates were common to both subprogrammes. Hence, issues of economic growth and development and financing for development issues, including the implementation of the Monterrey Consensus, which have been dealt

with by two subprogrammes in the past few years, are proposed to become the responsibility of subprogramme 3, Economic development and integration, to complement and increase synergy. Consolidating the two subprogrammes will also facilitate the strategic repositioning of economic analysis work with a view to making it more objective-oriented, that is, geared to achieving sustained high growth, employment creation and/or poverty alleviation, on the one hand, and creating space for operationalizing findings, conclusions and recommendations of studies and meetings into policy advice and capacity development, on the other.

18.12 Furthermore, a new subprogramme 7 is proposed on conflict mitigation and development that will address the impact of the persistent instability and conflict on economic and social development in Western Asia, which affects not only the countries concerned but also neighbouring countries and the region as a whole. The subprogramme aims to give concrete expression to the interlinkages between peace and security, development and human rights, in accordance with the 2005 World Summit Outcome and relevant ESCWA resolutions. The subprogramme focuses on pursuing sustainable development goals in a context of tension and insecurity to address the increasing poverty levels and the deteriorating quality of life in the afflicted areas. It will also increase understanding of the causes of conflict and instability to enable the countries to take appropriate measures to reduce their vulnerability, strengthen advocacy and capacity-building on issues of good governance and promote the replication of good practices.

Subprogramme 1
Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development

Objective of the Organization: to improve the sustainable management of natural resources in the region, with particular emphasis on water, energy and the production sectors, taking into account environmental considerations

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced capacity of member countries to formulate, adopt and implement policies and measures to improve the sustainable management of natural resources, with particular emphasis on the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals	(a) (i) Increased number of policies and measures adopted by member countries of the region for achieving the Millennium Development Goals (goals 1 and 7) (ii) Increased number of member countries developing, adopting and/or implementing policies and measures to improve the sustainable management of energy and water resources
(b) Enhanced capacity of member countries to apply best practices and methods for improving sustainable rural development and increasing competitiveness of the small and medium enterprises using environmentally sound technology	(b) (i) Increased number of member countries applying best practices and methods to promote sustainable rural development

	(ii) Increased number of measures and best practices or initiatives adopted to enhance the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises using environmentally sound technology
(c) Improved regional and interregional cooperation among member countries on energy and water issues, including the prevention of water and environment-related disputes	(c) (i) Increased number of member countries requesting ESCWA to enhance their negotiation skills for the joint management of shared water resources
	(ii) Increased number of regional/interregional projects and actions undertaken by member countries through regional cooperation mechanisms on water and energy

Strategy

18.13 The responsibility for implementing this subprogramme lies with the Sustainable Development and Productivity Division. The subprogramme will concentrate on facilitating the formulation and implementation of sustainable development strategies, policies and programmes in light of the relevant global mandates arising from the 2005 World Summit, the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation and the Millennium Development Goals, particularly goal 1 (eradicate extreme poverty and hunger) and goal 7 (ensure environmental sustainability), including improved access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation to a wider section of the region's population. The subprogramme will continue to advocate sustainable production and consumption patterns of water and energy resources and serve as a forum for promoting policy dialogue as a means to enhance synergy among the countries of the region on sustainable development priority issues; facilitate regional cooperation, in particular in the management of shared water resources and the development of energy networks, and enhance negotiation skills to prevent water and environment-related disputes; support national and regional capacity-building, especially in the field of integrated management of water resources, energy efficiency, renewable energy and technology applications; and assist member countries in building capacity for sustainable rural development.

18.14 This will be achieved by undertaking research and analytical studies, convening meetings and seminars, disseminating best practices and building capacity through workshops and advisory services on priority sustainable development issues related to water, energy, the environment and the production sectors.

18.15 The subprogramme will also further develop its partnership with LAS, promote the existing ESCWA regional mechanisms on energy and water, facilitate the establishment of coordination mechanisms for monitoring and reporting on environmental issues and assist member States to strengthen the capacity of small and medium enterprises to take advantage of new management practices and the harnessing of technologies that can enhance their competitiveness and productivity in a sustainable manner.

Subprogramme 2
Integrated social policies

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen national capacity to achieve inclusive, equitable and sustainable social development in a globalized environment

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened capacity of member countries to promote and formulate integrated social development policies to achieve social equity, poverty reduction and sustainable population	(a) (i) Increased number of government offices/civil society organizations that initiated, with ESCWA assistance, advocacy and awareness-raising activities to promote the development of integrated social development policies (ii) Increased number of member countries that initiated, with ESCWA assistance, the formulation of integrated social development policies (iii) Increased number of sectoral development policies, plans and/or programmes initiated with ESCWA assistance, with special emphasis on youth and migration
(b) Increased capacity of member countries to develop and operationalize intersectoral social development plans, programmes and/or projects that address the specific needs of vulnerable groups, including youth, migrant workers, persons with disabilities and the rural and urban poor	(b) Increased number of intersectoral social development plans, programmes and/or projects that target capacity-building in response to the needs of vulnerable groups, with ESCWA assistance

Strategy

18.16 The responsibility for implementing the subprogramme lies with the Social Development Division. The subprogramme provides a neutral forum for promoting policy dialogue, networking and replication of best practices among the member countries.

18.17 It will continue to advocate and enhance the capacity of member countries to formulate coherent and integrated social policies, including appropriate population and migration policies and national urban policies and policies that target vulnerable groups, particularly the youth. The subprogramme will assist member countries in the implementation of the plans of action of the relevant global conferences, with a focus on the Millennium Development Goals.

18.18 Increased attention will be focused in 2008-2009 on intersectoral social development programmes and projects that address the specific needs of vulnerable groups, such as the youth, migrant workers, persons with disabilities and the rural and urban poor, to enable the region to benefit from their huge potential and move towards greater social equity.

18.19 To achieve the expected accomplishments, the subprogramme will undertake analytical work, conduct meetings and carry out technical cooperation activities, including training workshops and programmes, field projects and advisory services on priority social issues. It will promote and advocate partnerships between stakeholders, especially at the local and national levels, to enhance the participatory approach, in order to draw suitable social policies that take into consideration the needs and requirements of all segments of the population. This approach has proved to increase the chances of success of such policies.

18.20 Partnership will be forged with other related United Nations organizations, such as the United Nations Population Fund, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, with regional organizations, such as LAS and its relevant subsidiary bodies, and with civil society, including local communities and non-governmental organizations.

Subprogramme 3
Economic development and integration

Objective of the Organization: to strengthen the capacity of member countries to design and implement sound economic policies and strategies for sustainable economic growth and poverty alleviation and for regional integration in a globalizing world

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased knowledge among stakeholders in the region of the issues that should be taken into account in designing and implementing suitable macroeconomic policies and strategies for sustainable economic growth, employment creation and poverty alleviation in line with the Millennium Development Goals	(a) (i) Increased number of stakeholders in the region acknowledging that they benefited from ESCWA macroeconomic analysis, policy recommendations and forecasts (ii) Increased number of requests for technical assistance to promote and implement macroeconomic policy and financing for development measures, based on ESCWA work
(b) Enhanced capacity of the member countries to negotiate and implement subregional, regional and multilateral trade and investment agreements designed to promote interregional and intraregional trade and investment flows	(b) (i) Increased number of member countries accepting and/or adopting trade negotiation proposals and facilitation schemes/measures suggested by ESCWA (ii) Increased number of member countries negotiating and implementing trade agreements designed to promote interregional and intraregional trade flows with ESCWA support

		(iii) Increased number of member countries negotiating and implementing investment agreements designed to promote interregional and intraregional investment flows as well as integrating the Monterrey Consensus into their economic strategies and policies, with ESCWA support
(c) Strengthened capacity of member countries to formulate and implement policies and programmes for improving transport infrastructure and logistics within the framework of the Integrated Transport System in the Arab Mashreq (ITSAM)	(c)	(i) Percentage of the length of the ITSAM road network that meets the requirements of the Agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq (ii) Increased number of policy measures adopted by member countries in relation to the implementation of ITSAM

Strategy

18.21 The responsibility for implementing this subprogramme lies with the Economic Development and Integration Division. The Millennium Development Goals, the Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development and relevant General Assembly and ESCWA resolutions, and the Doha Development Agenda provide the legislative authority for the subprogramme.

18.22 With economic growth in the region closely tied to the performance of the oil sector and characterized by big fluctuations and low trickle-down effects to the rest of the economy as well as the low absorption of labour, the subprogramme will address issues of economic diversification in relation to growth-fostering policies. Hence, it will focus on providing in-depth analyses, including on the social impact of economic development, and disseminate forecasts of economic growth to assist the member countries to adopt corrective policies for more balanced socio-economic development and growth and for achieving the relevant Millennium Development Goals in the region.

18.23 The subprogramme provides the forum for member countries to discuss key regional issues and reach common understanding. It will continue to advocate the need for strengthening regional economic cooperation and integration as the means of widening the regional market to increase competitiveness, reduce risks and uncertainties and facilitate integration in the global economy.

18.24 Support will be provided to the member countries in implementing the recommendations of the Monterrey Consensus on Financing for Development, with emphasis on an integrated approach, and work towards achieving the goals of the Consensus. This includes increasing the capacity of member countries to formulate and implement appropriate domestic resource mobilization strategies, sound investment policies, improved foreign-debt management schemes and more effective trade policies.

18.25 The need is evident to enhance the region's capacity to formulate and implement trade policies in a coherent manner, ensuring that development is incorporated into the trade agenda. This would necessitate building the capacities of

trade officials involved in trade negotiations and trade facilitation measures, in particular through information and communication technology applications.

18.26 ESCWA will also continue its pioneering work on ITSAM, including the implementation and monitoring of the international transport agreements and the harmonization and simplification of border-crossing and transit procedures. Moreover, an action plan on road safety in member countries will be developed.

18.27 The subprogramme will achieve its expected accomplishments through analytical studies, expert group meetings and technical cooperation activities, comprising capacity-building workshops, advisory services, networking and knowledge-sharing as well as field projects. Attention will be provided to outreach and to increase the interaction between officials in the region through networking arrangements that would facilitate the exchange of experiences and lessons learned and enhance dialogue.

18.28 This will be achieved by further strengthening partnership with relevant United Nations organizations such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Trade Organization, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the other regional commissions, as well as regional organizations, mainly LAS and GCC and their subsidiary bodies. Close cooperation with non-governmental organizations, chambers of commerce and other relevant private sector enterprises will also be pursued.

Subprogramme 4
Information and communication technology for regional integration

Objective of the Organization: To build an inclusive, people-centred and development-oriented information society in accordance with internationally agreed development goals and objectives.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased implementation of the Regional Plan of Action for Building the Information Society, particularly in relation to the information and communication technology sector	(a) (i) Increased number of member countries implementing policies and plans of action to enhance the information and communication technology sector
	(ii) Increased number of core information and communication technology indicators measured by all member countries
(b) Enhanced capacity of member countries to provide e-services in Arabic targeting socio-economic development	(b) (i) Increased number of information and communication technology applications deployed by member countries to provide e-services with ESCWA assistance
	(ii) Increased number of information and communication technology field projects initiated or promoted by ESCWA that target government services and local community development

Strategy

18.29 The responsibility for implementing this subprogramme lies with the Information and Communication Technology Division. In follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society Tunis Agenda for the Information Society and the efforts made in implementing the ESCWA Regional Plan of Action for Building the Information Society, the subprogramme will strive to adapt the Tunis Agenda to better serve the region and fine-tune plans of action to build an inclusive, people-centred information society based on productive national information and communication technology sectors.

18.30 The subprogramme will carry out analytical studies, convene meetings and provide advisory services to support this endeavour and act as a catalyst for the member countries to trigger changes in policymaking and continue to develop a comprehensive set of information and communication technology indicators that would help strategic decision-making in identifying priority areas of policy action. It will also assess and revise plans of action, monitor progress, evaluate impacts and benchmark national development with other countries, with a view to improving the productivity and competitiveness of the information and communication technology sector in the region.

18.31 To enhance national capacity and to take advantage of the digital opportunities pertaining to socio-economic development in the region, pilot field projects will be implemented in selected ESCWA member countries. To build a people-centred information society, field projects will incorporate a social dimension through the active involvement of local communities, with a focus on youth employment and empowerment of women.

18.32 The subprogramme will also place special emphasis on harnessing the development of information and communication technology thematic applications, such as e-government and digital Arabic content, with the aim of building on information and communication technology as an agent of change to empower citizens and improve their quality of life.

18.33 Leveraging on previous years' accomplishments for activating partnerships for implementing information and communication technology projects, the subprogramme will enhance regional collaboration and partnerships in activities leading to an inclusive, people-centred information society and contribute to fund-raising efforts aimed at harnessing information and communication technology for socio-economic development. To this end, it will promote the establishment of mechanisms to exchange information and share knowledge among regional players and those outside the region. The subprogramme will also seek close coordination and joint efforts with the other ESCWA subprogrammes and with international/regional organizations for more effective results.

Subprogramme 5
Statistics for evidence-based policymaking

Objective of the Organization: To enhance the capacity of member countries to produce and disseminate timely, accurate and comparable socio-economic statistics and indicators to be used by national and international decision makers and civil society for evidence-based policymaking.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened capacity of member countries to improve the national institutional framework for official statistics	(a) (i) Increased number of member countries taking measures to improve their national institutional framework for official statistics (ii) Increased number of member countries committing to implement the United Nations Statistical Commission's Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics
(b) Strengthened capacity of member countries to participate effectively in the 2010 round of population censuses, household surveys and other surveys as a statistical requisite for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015	(b) (i) Increased number of member countries taking concrete measures with ESCWA assistance to participate effectively in the 2010 round (ii) Increased number of member countries that provide the ESCWA repository of data with at least 60 per cent of the core set of development indicators, including the Millennium Development Goals and gender dimension

Strategy

18.34 The responsibility for implementing a subprogramme lies with the Statistics Division. The subprogramme plays a central role in promoting international statistical standards and providing a regional statistical forum. It aims at strengthening the capacity of the national statistical systems of the region to produce and disseminate, in a timely manner and in keeping with international standards and best practices, the statistical information and development indicators needed to design and monitor evidence-based economic and social policies for national decision makers and civil society.

18.35 The subprogramme will focus on strengthening statistical systems in the member countries in order to harmonize with the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. This will be done by monitoring the implementation and adherence to those principles, promoting and providing support to formulate national statistical development strategies to improve national statistical institutional frameworks and achieve national development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration.

18.36 Recognizing that the period 2008-2009 will be crucial for the member Governments to prepare for the 2010 round of population and housing censuses, the subprogramme will give special focus to the capacity-building of member countries in implementing the recommendations for the 2010 round as well as their capacity in preparing and undertaking household, labour force and other related surveys to collect vital data needed for the policymakers and government officials, and for the private sector and civil society. The subprogramme will also continue to focus due attention on the 1993 System of National Accounts and trade and sectoral statistics, and support the member countries in improving existing gaps in the coverage, transparency and quality of statistics and metadata in compliance with agreed international standards.

18.37 The objective of the subprogramme will be achieved through the organization of meetings and workshops, networking and knowledge-sharing, implementing technical cooperation projects and providing advisory services and expertise to the national statistical offices, in particular where ESCWA has an added value in reflecting the specificity of the region. Greater effort will be made to increase the added-value in its statistical publications by increased use of estimation to fill gaps in statistics and improve their quality.

18.38 The subprogramme will implement its work in partnership with the Statistical Division in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat and other regional commissions, regional organizations such as LAS and GCC, as well as other statistical departments through joint meetings, publications, data compilation and sharing to ensure coherence and exploit synergy at the regional and national levels.

Subprogramme 6
Advancement of women

Objective of the Organization: To foster greater participation of women in public life for equality between women and men by contributing to reducing gender imbalances and empowering women.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
Strengthened capacity of national mechanisms and civil society institutions for the empowerment and advancement of women to address gender imbalances and mainstream a gender perspective, with special emphasis on the participation of women in legislative and executive authorities	(i) Increased number of member countries applying policy options for the empowerment and advancement of women (ii) Increased number of measures taken by member countries to increase the participation of women in policy and decision-making

Strategy

18.39 The responsibility for implementing the subprogramme lies with the ESCWA Centre for Women. Taking into account the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, Beijing + 10 and its Platform for Action and the Beirut Declaration on Arab Women Ten Years after Beijing: Call for Peace, adopted by the twenty-third session of the Commission, the subprogramme will focus on

policy advocacy and capacity-building for increasing the number of women in parliament and at the executive level, as a means for enhancing the ratio of women in decision-making positions. This has proved to be a useful interim measure for addressing gender-related issues more effectively in a number of countries. Greater attention will be focused on promoting partnerships between Governments and grass-roots organizations to increase outreach and to sustain follow-up action, evaluation and promotion of issues relating to the empowerment of women, women's rights and gender mainstreaming. This would include harnessing various media tools to raise awareness of the rights of women in the region and to rectify the flawed perception that distorts their image.

18.40 The subprogramme will synergize its work on the regional components of the programme of work, such as building consensus, promoting common regional positions vis-à-vis international agendas and undertaking joint activities with relevant regional organizations, chiefly LAS and its subsidiary bodies, namely the Arab Women Organization, which works under its auspices, and the Center for Arab Women Training and Research, and with United Nations organizations, especially the Division for the Advancement of Women in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, other regional commissions and the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

18.41 Based on the new mandates addressing the issue of women in conflict areas and their role in building peace and making peace, and building on previous successful, though limited, endeavours to support women in war-stricken and conflict areas, the subprogramme will focus due attention on identifying the needs of these women and building their capacity. This issue commands special attention in the ESCWA region, which is characterized by instability.

18.42 The subprogramme will achieve its expected accomplishments through its normative and analytical work, the holding of meetings, networking and knowledge-sharing, training workshops and the provision of advisory services on the empowerment of women and gender-related issues. It will also support member countries in bridging the gap between their commitments to international conventions and conferences and the realization thereof, which is often constrained by the absence or inadequacy of existing institutional mechanisms, laws and practices. To this end, the subprogramme will facilitate networking among Governments and among civil society institutions, and between them through the sharing and replication of good practices. It will also provide a forum for the exchange of experiences and the replication of good practices at the regional and international levels.

Subprogramme 7
Conflict mitigation and development

Objective of the Organization: To reduce the impact of conflict and instability on socio-economic and political development in Western Asia.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased understanding by member countries of the impact of conflict on socio-economic development in the region	(a) Increased number of public and civic entities that acknowledge benefiting from ESCWA work in identifying the socio-economic and political causes of instability and conflict
(b) Enhanced capacity of member countries to identify, assess, predict and respond to socio-economic and political issues and challenges posed by conflict and instability in the region	(b) (i) Increased number of tools and techniques adopted in assessing the root causes of conflict and instability (ii) Increased number of public and civic entities implementing, in partnerships with ESCWA and other entities, projects/programmes that address the socio-economic and political issues and challenges arising from conflict and instability

Strategy

18.43 The responsibility for implementing the subprogramme lies with the Conflict Mitigation and Development Section. To achieve its objective and expected accomplishments, the subprogramme will focus on the following four areas:

(a) *Analyses and policy formulation for conflict mitigation*. The subprogramme will monitor and analyse socio-economic and political events with a view to providing mitigation measures and deepening the understanding of the repercussions of crises and the impact of instability on socio-economic growth in the region. It will also formulate mechanisms to assist in reducing instability in Western Asia and disseminate lessons learned.

(b) *Capacity-building*. A key part of the strategy will be the improvement of good governance practices, such as improving the quality and effectiveness of public administration, human rights, rule of law and economic decision-making. Such policy recommendations will be supported by training and capacity-building for public and civic bodies to induce policy reform in accordance with international standards of excellence.

(c) *Mainstreaming conflict prevention*. The subprogramme will be a catalyst in incorporating the socio-economic development needs of conflict-stricken countries into the work of substantive divisions to formulate/implement policies and programmes that cater to the needs of these countries and attempt to reduce the destabilizing regional impact of conflicts.

(d) *Forging partnerships*. The development of partnerships to help member countries achieve national development targets will be another key component of the strategy. Based on past experience, partnerships operate at several levels, bringing together members of civil society, the private sector, government institutions and United Nations and international organizations operating in the region. Through strengthened partnerships, the subprogramme will be able to mobilize resources to support peacebuilding efforts in the region.

18.44 The subprogramme will work closely with the newly established Human Rights Council, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, the Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and the Peacebuilding Support Office.

Legislative mandates

General mandates

General Assembly resolutions

55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/270 A and B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
58/220	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries
59/9	Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference
59/9	Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States
59/244	Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries
59/250	Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system
60/1	2005 World Summit Outcome
60/157	The right to development
60/204	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence
60/212	South-South cooperation
60/215	Towards global partnerships

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2004/48	Coordinated and integrated United Nations system approach to promoting rural development in developing countries, with due consideration to least developed countries, for poverty eradication and sustainable development
2004/65	Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
2005/12	The need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States
2005/31	Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system
2005/48	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits
2005/50	The Damascus Declaration and the role of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions

258 (XXIII)	Strengthening technical cooperation in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
260 (XXIII)	Development and regional cooperation under unstable conditions
261 (XXIII)	Strengthening the cooperation between ESCWA and the League of Arab States in the field of Economic and Social Development
263 (XXIII)	Promoting partnership and resource mobilization
268 (XXIII)	Adoption of the Final Reports of the Subsidiary Bodies of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

Subprogramme 1
Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development

General Assembly resolutions

59/227	Implementation of Agenda 21, the programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcome of the World Summit on Sustainable Development
59/228	Activities undertaken during the International Year of Freshwater, 2003, preparations for the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015, and further efforts to achieve the sustainable development of water resources

59/235 Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions

244 (XXII) Cooperation between ESCWA member countries with respect to shared water resources and the Arab networks for the integrated management of water resources

255 (XXIII) The establishment of a regional mechanism for building capacities to manage shared water resources

Subprogramme 2
Integrated social policies

General Assembly resolutions

60/2 Policies and programmes involving youth

60/130 Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

60/131 Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: realizing the Millennium Development Goals for persons with disabilities

60/133 Follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

60/135 Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

60/203 Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

60/227 International migration and development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2005/9 Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities and protection of their human rights

2005/10 Comprehensive and integral international convention to protect and promote the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities

2005/11 Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development

2005/47 Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions

259 (XXIII) Social policies

Subprogramme 3
Economic development and integration

General Assembly resolutions

59/57 A fair globalization: creating opportunities for all — report of the World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization

59/223 External debt crisis and development

60/5 Improving global road safety

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2004/64 International Conference on Financing for Development

2005/44 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least-Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions

243 (XXIII) Adoption of the Agreement on International Railways in the Arab Mashreq

256 (XXIII) Adoption of the memorandum of understanding on maritime transport cooperation in the Arab Mashreq

257 (XXIII) Selection of the routes to be given priority in implementation of the agreement on International Roads in the Arab Mashreq

265 (XXIII) Regional cooperation in the field of road traffic safety

Subprogramme 4
Information and communication technology for regional integration

General Assembly resolutions

59/220 World Summit on the Information Society

60/205 Science and technology for development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2004/68 Science and technology for development

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions

245 (XXIII) The ESCWA initiative for activating the role of science, technology and technological innovation in achieving the Millennium Goals

Subprogramme 5
Statistics for evidence-based policymaking

General Assembly resolutions

60/2 Policies and programmes involving youth

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2005/13 2010 World Population and Housing Census Programme

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions

247 (XXII) The development of statistical work in the ESCWA region

282 (XXIII) Support for the capacities for member countries in the field of statistics and the International Comparison Programme

Subprogramme 6
Advancement of women

General Assembly resolutions

59/167 Elimination of all forms of violence against women, including crimes identified in the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century"

59/248 World Survey on the role of women in development

60/136 In-depth study on all forms of violence against women

60/138 Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas

60/139 Violence against women migrant workers

60/140 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

60/210 Women in development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2004/11 Agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women on the role of men and boys in achieving gender equality

2004/12 Agreed conclusions of the Commission on the Status of Women on women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and resolution and in post-conflict peacebuilding

2005/31 Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

2005/43 Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions

264 (XXIII) Implementation of the Beirut Declaration on Arab Women Ten Years After Beijing: Call for Peace

Subprogramme 7
Conflict mitigation and development

General Assembly resolutions

59/179 The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination

60/126 Assistance to the Palestinian people

60/183 Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the Occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources

Economic and Social Council resolutions

2005/3 Public administration and development

2005/51 Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Security Council resolutions

1645 (2005) Post-conflict peacebuilding

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia resolutions

260 (XXIII) Development and regional cooperation under unstable conditions